

# EMPIRICAL MODEL DEVELOPED FOR DUYVIS COCOA LIQUOR PRESS PERFORMANCE EFFECTIVENESS DETERMINATION AND CONTROL

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**ABSTRACT:** Empirical model was developed which was used to determine the effectiveness of cocoa liquor press (Duyvis as case study) in cocoa processing industries. The three major strategic decisions considered are: machine availability, performance efficiency and rate of quality of product. Used attributes to these strategic decisions were, for availability: running time per day and operating running time per day. That of machine efficiency are: machine net operating rate and its operating speed rate while for machine rate of quality product: quality of output per day, throughput per day and running time per day of the machine were considered. Validation of this model prescribed the machine's strategic decisions thus: availability 96 %, efficiency 88 %, and quality rate 99.5 %. Product of these strategic decisions revealed that the machine, Duyvis press is 84 % effective which is below the recommended standard of  $\geq 85$  % effectiveness. Conclusively, one of the strategic decisions "efficiency" is below the recommended standard and need to be improved in order to meet the set standard overall machine effectiveness. This can be achieved by improving both the attributes that determined the machine efficiency which are: machine net operating rate and its operating speed rate.

**KEYWORDS:** Empirical model, DUYVIS, Cocoa Liquor, Performance determination, Effectiveness and Control, Model Validation

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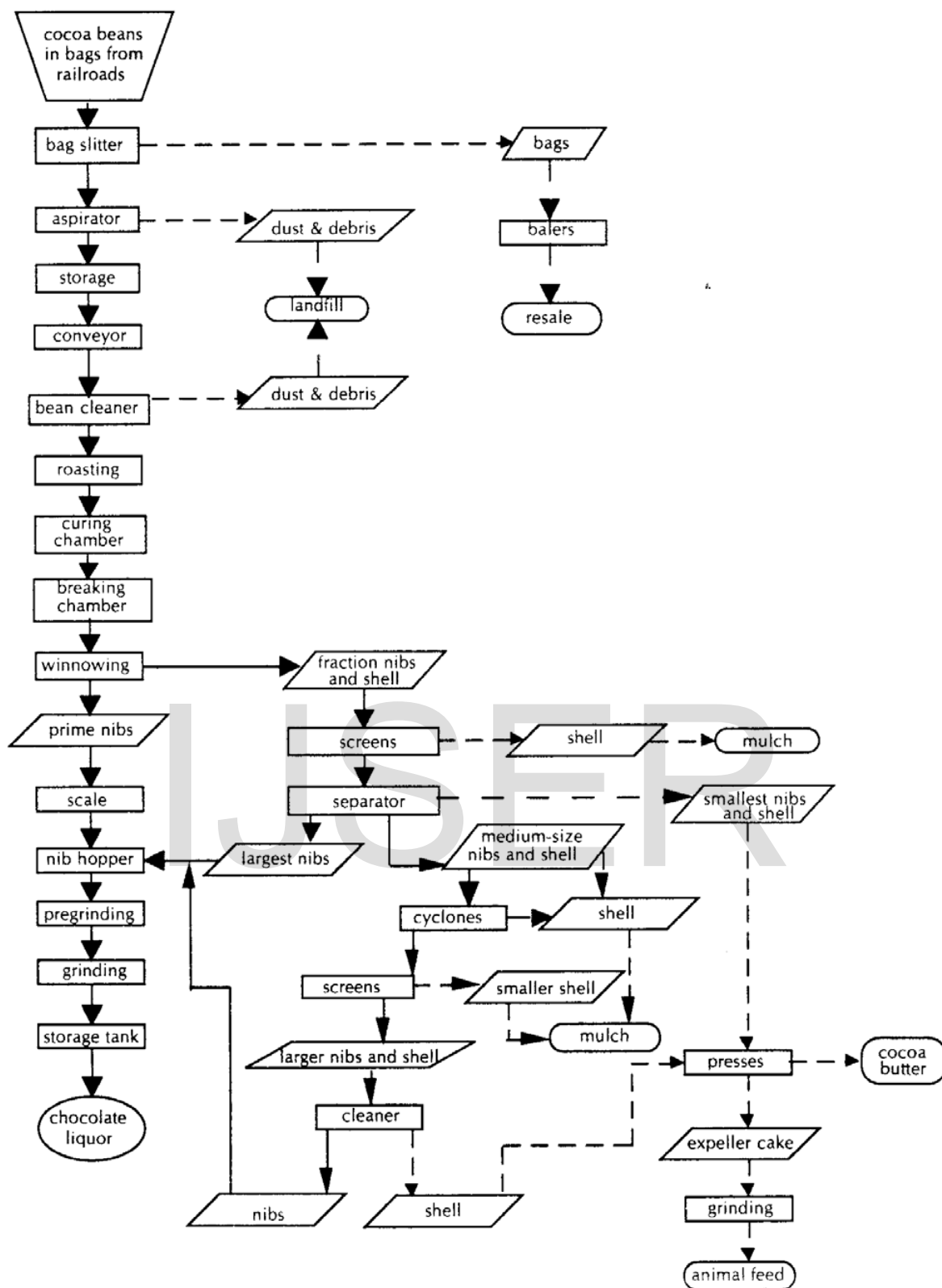
## Introduction

Cocoa is a common ingredient for various food and confectionery products. Industrial processing of this ingredient however is normally not optimized due to failure of application of appropriate analytical tools. Furthermore, cocoa processing is normally operated in semi-continuous mode, and this adds to the difficulty in optimizing the various unit operations involved.

This study was motivated by the recent emergence of demand for machine effectiveness to increase productivity of industries in our society into which our agricultural industry must integrate. Computer can be used to assist agricultural decision-making through such tools and techniques as optimization, simulation, fuzzy logic, expert systems, and computer aided drafting (CAD).

Effective optimization model development is essential for agricultural equipment. This enhances the repair and maintenance of equipment at the most appropriate time. It is being used in the developed world to know the salvage life of the machine, when you need to change the machine, the time to carry out certain periodic maintenance and repair. This also helps in determining the degree of utility of the equipment (Harrington, 1998).

The determination of capacity utilization which leads to performance evaluation compels the users of the agriculture equipment/machinery to adopt the model. Simulations can be used to model farm and machine events overtime to predict what would happen when particular machinery sets were chosen. Important factors include types of equipment and operations that are to be considered. Optimization techniques such as linear or non-linear programming that minimize cost subject to reasonable constraints (e.g., labour availability, frost dates) can help improve profitability (Harrington, 1998).



**Fig.1 : Flow Chart of Cocoa Bean Processing Related**  
<http://www.cacaochocolate.nl/main.php?p> [accessed January 04, 2014]

## **Cocoa Liquor Press Machine (Duyvis Press)**

### **Duyvis Press (Case Study)**

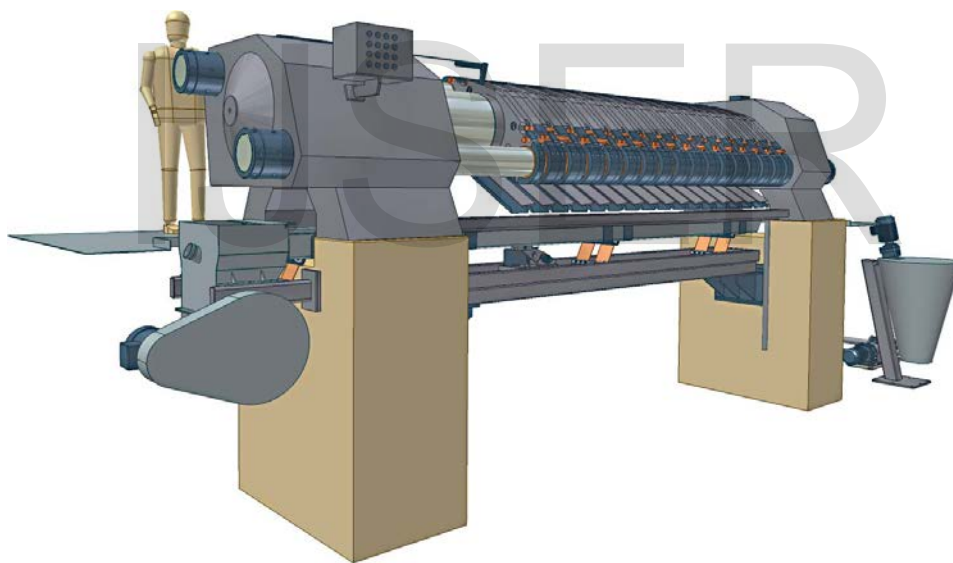
It was not until the year 1828 that a method was introduced for the separation of cocoa liquor into cocoa butter and cocoa cake. In that year the Dutchman Coenraad van Houten invented a process that enabled him to press a large part of the fat, or cocoa butter, from the semi-liquid cocoa liquor, for which he was granted a patent by King William I of the Netherlands (Duyvis, 2014)

The cocoa butter press has over the years developed into a highly advanced system, and with the advent of hydraulics, oil pressure could be increased to well over 500 bar. The diameter of the hydraulic ram was enlarged relative to that of the pots in order to achieve an even higher pressure on the liquor. The specific surface pressure on the liquor is to the pump generated oil pressure as the surface area of the hydraulic ram to the surface area of the pressing plate. The surface area of the ram is about twice the size of the pressing plate, which doubles the pressure on the liquor to about 1000 bar (Duyvis, 2014).

The cocoa press is a complex and extremely expensive piece of machinery which, depending on the type, can cost anything between 0.6 and 0.8 million Euro per piece including peripheral equipment. The liquid cocoa liquor is stored in large storage tanks where it is kept at a temperature of about 70<sup>0</sup>C to ensure that the liquor remains liquid. From there the liquor is pumped to the liquor conditioning tanks mounted on each press, where the product is 'prepared' to achieve optimum conditions when it is pressed into cocoa butter and cocoa cake. The liquor is heated to the required temperature in the tank, while high-speed stirring gear ensures quick heat transfer and homogenization of the product as well as reducing the viscosity. This gives the product a relatively thin-fluid consistency, and improves its flow and pressing properties (Duyvis, 2014).

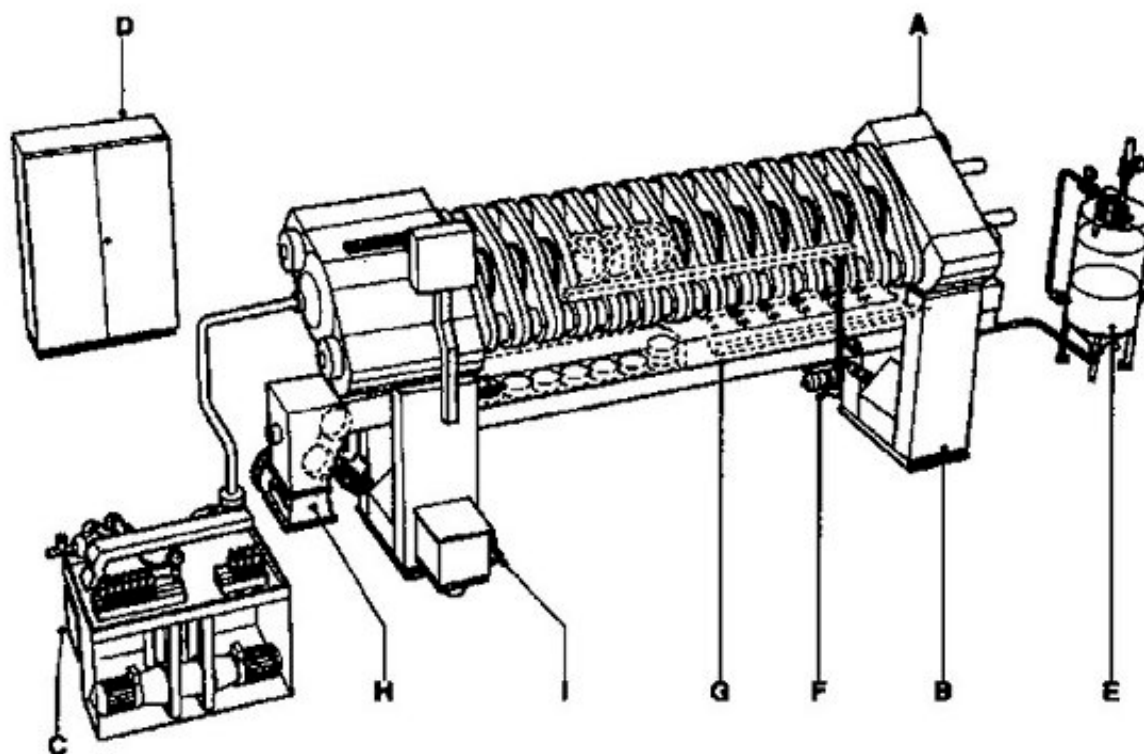
Adequate maintenance and servicing is clearly essential for guaranteeing its long life. Maintenance of the press includes minor repairs such as regular replacement of filter screens and felt cords as well as cleaning of the press, but also an occasional major overhaul to ensure maximum technical performance. Checks should include testing the pressing temperature, the pressure of the hydraulic system (and possible leakage), the pneumatic system, the (optimum) closing of the press, as well as ultrasonic examination of the columns constantly exposed to heavy pressure.

Adequate maintenance and permanent checks are also required from a safety point of view. As pressing involves extremely high pressures, every company in the pressing industry has strict regulations that their staffs have to carefully observe. See plate 1 and figure 2 for the picture and diagram of cocoa press (Duyvis).



**Plate 1: Cocoa Press with additional equipment**

**Source: Duyvis Press, 2014.**



**Figure 2: Cocoa press with auxiliary equipment(Duyvis)**

Source: (<http://www.cacaochocolade.nl/main.php?p>)

The following are the cocoa pressers' components and their functions:

- (A) **Cocoa press:** This is the press machine (Duyvis) used to extract the cocoa butter from its liquor leaving behind its residue called cocoa cake.
- (B) **Support structures:** Structure designed according to the installation type, number of press installed as well as lay out and the forecast process flow. In general, the structures consist only in press bearing plinths and supports for conveyor, beaker, scale and pumps. The specific press structure extends to platform, ladders and handrails. All parts are in electro-welded steel submitted to anti-corrosion treatments and then powder coated.
- (C) **Hydraulic pump unit:** This is the heart of the pressing process. Hydraulic engineering and management logic make this hydraulic group series a cornerstone

about reliability, flexibility, power and energy saving with units able to adapt themselves to any kind of cocoa liquor to get the best pressing cycle performance.

**(D) Control panel:** This line control system is based on a general switchboard with SIEMENS PLC of S7300 family (different brands and configurations upon request).

The control system is based on a configuration with touch-screen operator panel on board for the equipment management and maintenance.

**(E) Conditioning tank:** The modern lines of squeezing high performance require an excellent homogenization of the product to ensure maximum efficiency. This is pre-mixing tanks to ensure perfect homogeneity and reduce the time of preparation of the cocoa mass for the presses.

**(F) Liquor pump:** Especially designed to be used on cocoa pressing lines to pump (transfer cocoa liquor through the piping(s). They are made of special steels and all the parts in contact with the product are treated and hardened to ensure a longer life to the seals.

**(G) Cake conveyor:** transport/convey the discharge cake from the press to the cake breaker to be kibbled. It also conveys the cake from the breaker to be pneumatically transported into a silo.

**(H) Cake breaker:** The purpose of the breaker is to crush cocoa cakes achieving controlled sized products to be conveyed to the silos, pneumatically or by other means. Structure, shaft, hammers, support bearings, as well as motorization are steel made and widely over dimensioned. The breaker is equipped with two types of cakes feeding hopper:

**Independent hopper:** in this case the breaker is sustained by proper supports. Carrying hopper to be coupled to the thrust conveyor TS Series achieving a unique module.

An electric isolator, connected to the motor and to a sensor located on the inspection port ensures a full safety during inspections. The standard configuration of the breaker is the “S” version where hammers configuration, matched to different grids, allows to set the wished size. Upon request the breaker can be delivered in the “R” version, too. Here the grid is formed of independent modules to achieve variable pitches and to vary the number of hammers. The milling axle in this configuration is concentric compared to the milling rotating axle. It is foreseen a flanged fastening to be connected to powder aspiration systems.

(I) **Butter pump:** Same as Liquor Pump

The technical characteristics of Duyvis press machine used as case study is as shown in table 1.

**Table 1: Showing Duyvis press technical characteristics.**

<b>Model</b>	<b>POV540/B2/14</b>
Number of pots	14
Weight	28500 kg
Machine Load	198 kg
Working Pressure	500 bars
Specific Pressure (kg/sq.cm)	825
Steam Pressure (kg/sq.cm)	4
Pneumatic Pressure (Bar)	6 - 8
Steam Consumption (kgH)	60
Air Consumption (dm <sup>3</sup> /h)	56

**Source: Study 2014**



Some of the related works done so far in this area of study are hereby summarized in table 2.

**Table 2: Some Authors and their Contributions**

S/No.	Names/Years	Contributions
1.	Akinnuli et al. (2014)	Computer Aided Design for Cocoa Beans Processing Yield Prediction.
2.	Akinnuli et al. (2015)	Design concepts towards mechanization of cocoa beans winnowing process.
3.	Adzimah et al. (2010)	Design of cocoa pod splitting machine.
4.	Arai and Iwata, (1992)	Product Modeling system in conceptual design of mechanical products.
5.	Audu et al. (2014)	Development of a concentric cylinder locust dehuller.
6.	Awua, (2002)	Cocoa Processing and chocolate manufacture in Ghana.
7.	Bjarnemo et al. (1998)	Shortcomings of computer aided design systems in conceptual design.
8.	Bozzo et al. (1998)	Application of qualitative reasoning in Engineering.
9.	EEC (1973)	Directive 73/241 EEC by European parliament and the

		<p>European Council relating to cocoa and chocolate products intended for human consumption.</p>
10.	Faborode and Oladosun (1991)	Development of a cocoa pod processing machine.
11.	Harrington (1998)	Development of software tools for automation and acceleration of the engineering design process.
12.	<a href="http://www.worldcocoafoundation.org">http://www.worldcocoafoundation.org</a>	
13.	Jurgen and Buhler (2009)	Speciality crops for Pacific Island Agroforestry.
14.	Lipp and Anklam (1998)	The manufacturing confectioner cocoa processing.
15.	Whitefield (2005)	<p>Review of cocoa butter and alternative fats for use in chocolate.</p> <p>Making chocolates in the factory</p>

Cocoa processing justification in Nigeria industries is premised on its bottleneck and delay which are paramount problems. This research tends to determine how effective a machine is performing compared with the laid down machines' effectiveness standard as well as determining the performance of the machine with the manufacturers set standards.

The objectives are to identify the area (s) of deficiency and control if for optimum effectiveness. Ability to achieve this well: increase the productivity of the plant, reduced down time period, maintain cost as well as bringing inventory cost to the barest minimum. The gap is yet to be filled as revealed in the literature review as at the commencement of this research in processing plant industry.

## Methodology

The methods to this research covered the parameters that is the strategic decisions used, their attributes, the model development and its manual application for results generation.

### Nomenclature

The nomenclature to this research is as stated thus:

$A$	=	Availability of Machine
$A_t$	=	Actual Cycle time
$A_p$	=	Actual Processing time
$B_l$	=	Breakdown Losses
$B_n$	=	Number of Batches
$B_t$	=	Breakdown time (mins)
$C_t$	=	Cycle time (mins)
$D_t$	=	Down time (mins)
$d_t$	=	Discharged time (mins)
$I_c$	=	Inspection Loss
$L_t$	=	Loading Time
$L_m$	=	Mass of liquor
$M_l$	=	Maintenance Loss
$N_{hd}$	=	Number of hours of operation/day
$N_r$	=	Net Operating Rate
$O$	=	Output per day
$O_{mef}$	=	Overall machine effectiveness
$O_p$	=	Operating Time (mins)
$O_s$	=	Operating Speed Rate

$P_t$	=	Processing time (mins)
$P_{ef}$	=	Performance Effectiveness of Machine
$P_{fl}$	=	Power Failure Loss
$Q_d$	=	Quantity defected
$Q_o$	=	Quality Output per day
$Q_f$	=	Quality of fat in cake
$Q_{fb}$	=	Quality of butter fatty acid
$Q_{TPC}$	=	Total plate count
$Q_{TNTCP}$	=	Too numerous to count plate
$Q_r$	=	Rate of Quality Products
$R_t$	=	Running time per day (mins)
$S_l$	=	Set up loss
$S_t$	=	Set up time (mins)
$S_l$	=	Stoppage Losses
$T_p$	=	Throughput per day
$Q_o\%$	=	Percentage quality product

This nomenclature was used to develop the required models for determining the need parameter values.

Condition Acceptable to Ideal System

### Model Development

#### (i) Determination of running time per day ( $R_t$ )

In this computation, the number of hours per day required is to be converted to minutes, then ( $R_t$ ) is as shown in equation (1).

$$R_t = N_{hd} \times 60 \quad (1)$$

#### (ii) Determination of loading time per day ( $L_t$ )

To determine the loading time, the down time in minutes is deducted from the running time per day as shown in equation (2)

$$L_t = R_t - D_t \quad (2)$$

**(iii) Determination of Stoppage Losses per day ( $S_t$ )**

These are summation of the breakdown, set up loss, power failure, maintenance and inspection losses. This formed equation 3.

$$S_t = \sum (B_t, S_t, P_{ft}, M_t, I_c) \quad (3)$$

**(iv) Determination of Operating time per day ( $O_p$ )**

To determine the operating time per day, the loading time in minutes is deducted from the stoppage loss as seen in equation (4)

$$O_p = L_t - S_t \quad (4)$$

**(v) Determination of rate of Quality Products ( $Q_r$ )**

To determine the rate of quality products, this is obtained by deducting the throughput per day from quality output per day divided by running time per day (minutes) as shown in equation (5)

$$Q_r = (T_p - Q_0) / R_t \quad (5)$$

**(vi) Determination of Actual Processing Time**

The actual processing time, is the product of output per day and actual cycle time as shown in equation (6)

$$A_p = P_t \times B_n \quad (6)$$

**(vii) Determination of Availability of the Machine (A)**

Availability of the machine is the operating time divided by loading time as shown in equation (7).

$$A = R_t / O_p \tag{7}$$

**(viii) Determination of Operating speed rate of machine (O<sub>s</sub>)**

Operating speed rate of the machine is inspection loss divided by actual cycle time as shown in equation (8).

$$O_s = (C_A / C_i) \times 100\% \tag{8}$$

**(ix) Determination of Net Operating Rate (N<sub>r</sub>)**

To determine the net operating rate, this is actual processing time divided by output per day as shown in equation (9)

$$N_r = A_p / O_p \tag{9}$$

**(x) Determination of Machines Performance Efficiency (P<sub>eff</sub>)**

Machines performance efficiency is operating speed rate multiplied by number of hours of operation per day as shown in equation (10).

$$P_{eff} = O_s \times N_r \tag{10}$$

**(xi) Determination of Overall Machine Effectives O<sub>mef</sub>**

The overall machine effectives, is the product of availability of the machine, machine performance efficiency and rate of quality of products as shown in equation (11).

$$O_{mef} = A \times P_{eff} \times Q_r \tag{11}$$

Conditions Acceptable to Ideal System

Availability (A > 90%) = (A)<sub>I</sub>

Performance Efficiency (P<sub>ef</sub>) > 95% = (P<sub>ef</sub>)<sub>I</sub>

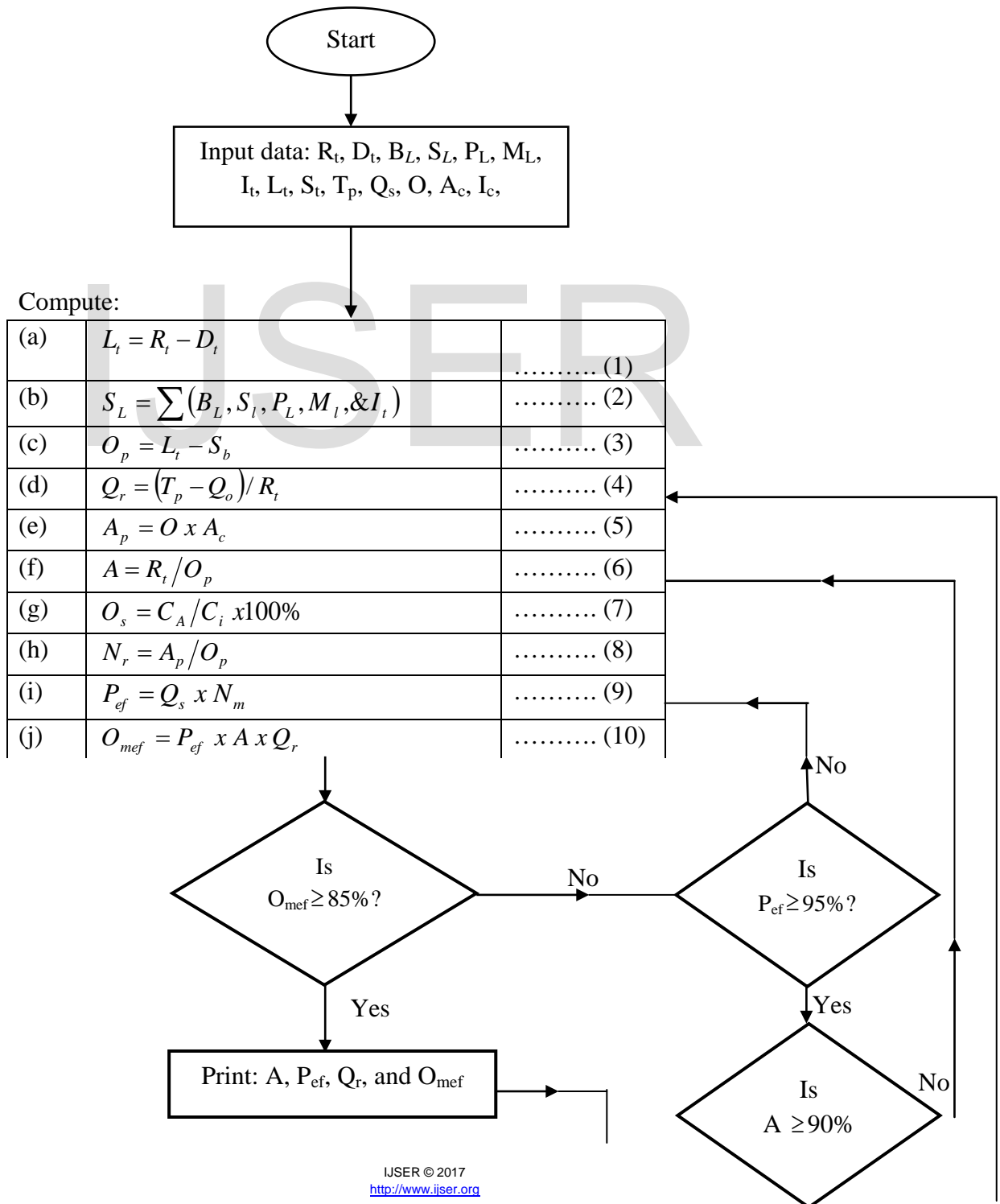
Rate of quality products (Q<sub>r</sub>) > 99% (Q<sub>r</sub>)<sub>I</sub>

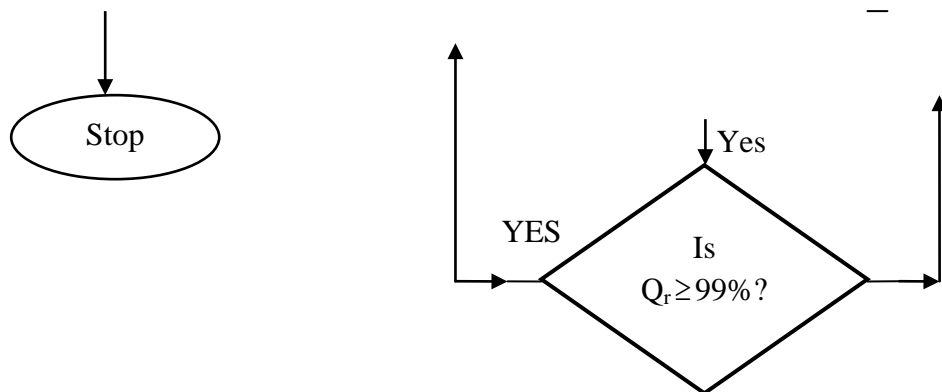
∴ Ideal overall equipment effectiveness should be:

$$I_{oeff} = 0.90 \times 0.95 \times 0.99 = 0.84643 \cong 85$$

Compare  $O_{mef}$  with  $I_{off}$  if (i)  $O_{mef} < I_{off}$  = Not Effective.

(ii)  $O_{mef} \geq I_{off}$  = Effective.





**Fig. 4: Developed Flow Chart for the Models Required**

The developed model was applied to this case study to determine it’s effectiveness. The summary of the results are shown in table 3 using data collected from the machine from Olam Cocoa Processing Industry I Km 5 ilesha Owo express way, Akure, Ondo State, Nigeria.

**Table 3: Summary of the Manual Computation Results Using the Model Developed to Ascertain the Effectiveness of Duyvis Press.**

S/No.	Parameters	Model Used (Equation)	Model Number	Results



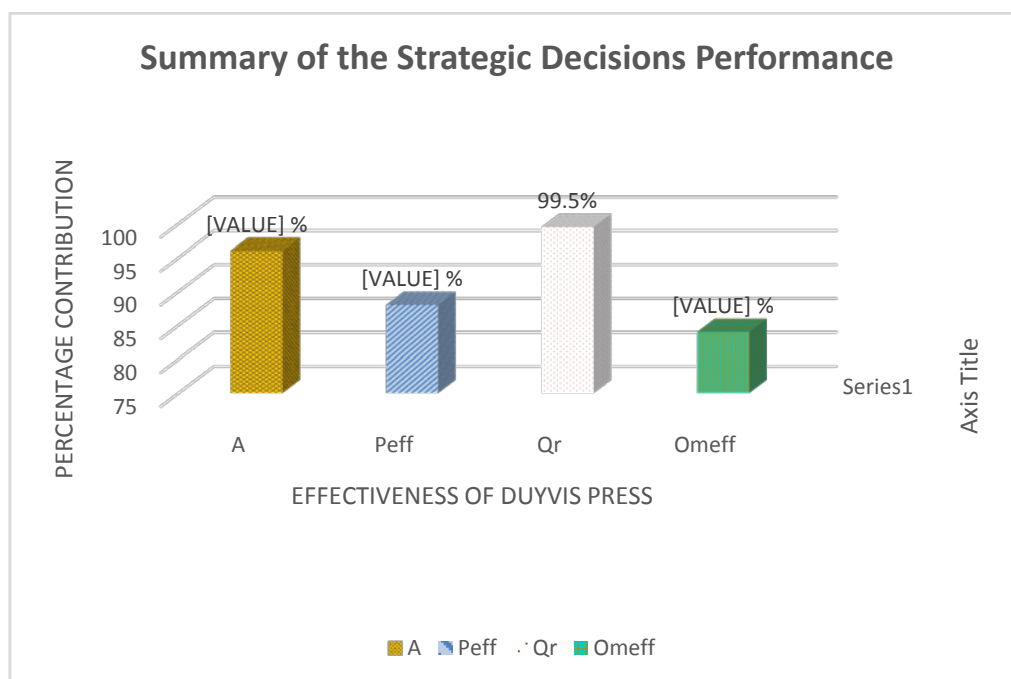
1.	Running Time( $R_t$ )	$R_t = N_{hd} \times 60$	(1)	1375 mins/day
2.	Loading Time per day ( $L_t$ )	$L_t = R_t - D_t$	(2)	90 mins
3.	Stoppage Losses per day ( $S_{tL}$ )	$S_{tL} = (B_I, S_t, P_{fl}, M_I, I_c)$	(3)	1440 mins/day
4.	Operating time per day ( $O_p$ )	$O_p = L_t - S_{tL}$	(4)	57 mins/day
5.	Rate of Quality of Products ( $Q_t$ )	$Q_t = (T_p - Q_o) / R_t$	(5)	99.5 %
6.	Actual Processing Time ( $A_p$ )	$A_p = P_t \times B_n$	(6)	21 Hrs (504mins/day)
7.	Machine Availability ( $A$ )	$A = R_t / O_p$	(7)	0.96 or 96 %
8.	Operating Speed of Machine ( $O_s$ )	$O_s = (C_A / C_i)$	(8)	100 % = 1
9.	Net Operating Rate ( $N_r$ )	$N_r = A_p / O_p$	(9)	0.88 = 88 %
10.	Machine Efficiency ( $P_{eff}$ )	$P_{eff} = O_s \times N_r$	(10)	0.88 = 88 %
11.	Overall Machine Effectiveness ( $O_{meff}$ )	$O_{meff} = A \times P_{eff} \times Q_t$	(11)	0.84 = 84 %

## Results and Discussions

The models required for determining the effectiveness and control the performance of Duyvis press has been developed. The identified strategic decisions with their attributes were found acceptable for the necessary computations (Martand, 2006). The ideal overall machine minimum acceptable effectiveness recommended 85 % performance despite the machine availability is more than the 90 % required. The quality of product is also good as expected within the specified time.

- (i) The machine effectiveness is below the minimum recommendation of 85 %.
- (ii) Machine availability is 96 % which is 6 % above the 90 % recommended value.

The efficiency of the machine being 88 % is less than recommended value of 95 % by 7 %.



**Fig. 5: Summary of the Strategic Decisions Performance**

Where A= Availability

$P_{eff}$ = Machine Efficiency

$Q_r$ = Rate of Quality Products

$O_{meff}$ =Overall Machine Effectiveness

To improve the overall effectiveness of this Duyvis press machine, it's efficiency must be improved to be greater than 88 % of its present value putting into consideration this two major attributes: operating speed of the machine and net operating rate.

All the results may work for another model of machines with higher down time, higher capacity by volume, but for this particular press machine in question, the average stoppage time/day needs to be reviewed for improved overall machine effectiveness.

Consequently, pressing time should be reduced if it will not affect the cake fat content.

Average breakdown losses, must be reduced to the barest minimum, power failure time if possible should be reviewed in such a way that it will not occur every day, may be twice in a week.

Time taken for maintenance should also be reviewed and better maintenance plan should be put in place because time used for maintenance takes most of the stoppage losses time/per day. If preventive maintenance plan is in place, it will go a long way in preventing excess time used on breakdown.

The parameter that needs to be worked upon are the loading time, processing time and discharge time. These are to be reduced so that the output can be improved, that is the number of batches will increase.

### Conclusions

An empirical model has been developed as proposed. The strategic decisions selected for effective performance of the machine determination were good for decision making. The case study used in this study “Duyvis Liquor press” was found to have daily running time of 1375 mins/day; loading time of 90 mins; operating time 1440 min/day; stoppage losses of 57 mins/day; rate of quality products 99.5 %; actual processing time of 504 mins/day; (21:00 Hrs); machine availability of 96 %; net operating rate 88 % while overall machine effectiveness is 84 %. This is below the recommended standard of 85 %. This is as a result that one of the strategic decisions “efficiency” is below the minimum acceptable limit. Therefore, operating speed of this machine ( $O_s$ ) as well as its net operating rate ( $N_r$ ) are to be improved in order to increase the machine efficiency ( $P_{eff}$ ).

When these methods were technically followed, the set objectives will surely be achieved as well as the aim of developing a software capable of evaluating agricultural equipment/machinery performance.

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## APPENDIX 1

### Output of Three Different Duyvis Presses

DATE	PRESS 1	Output (kg)	PRESS 2	Output (kg)	PRESS 3	Output (kg)	Total Pressed	Output (kg)
09/01/2014	43	8600	0	0	47	9400	90	18000

<b>09/02/2014</b>	72	14400	0	0	70	14000	142	28400
<b>09/03/2014</b>	52	10400	0	0	53	10600	105	21000
<b>09/04/2014</b>	67	13400	0	0	66	13200	133	26600
<b>09/05/2014</b>	64	12800	0	0	64	12800	128	25600
<b>09/06/2014</b>	82	16400	0	0	87	17400	169	33800
<b>09/07/2014</b>	75	15000	0	0	77	15400	152	30400
<b>09/08/2014</b>	71	14200	0	0	72	14400	143	28600
<b>09/09/2014</b>	67	13400	0	0	68	13600	135	27000
<b>09/10/2014</b>	66	13200	0	0	64	12800	130	26000
<b>09/11/2014</b>	82	16400	0	0	83	16600	165	33000
<b>09/12/2014</b>	86	17200	0	0	83	16600	169	33800
<b>13/9/2015</b>	75	15000	0	0	76	15200	151	30200
<b>14/9/2015</b>	76	15200	0	0	77	15400	153	30600
<b>15/9/2014</b>	82	16400	0	0	81	16200	163	32600
<b>16/9/2014</b>	66	13200	0	0	74	14800	140	28000
<b>17/9/2015</b>	78	15600	0	0	78	15600	156	31200
<b>18/9/2015</b>	50	10000	0	0	54	10800	104	20800
<b>19/9/2015</b>	72	14400	0	0	77	15400	149	29800
<b>20/9/2016</b>	74	14800	0	0	71	14200	145	29000
<b>21/9/2016</b>	43	8600	0	0	54	10800	97	19400
<b>22/9/2017</b>	73	14600	32	6400	74	14800	179	35800
<b>23/9/2018</b>	64	12800	75	15000	82	16400	221	44200
<b>24/9/2019</b>	80	16000	57	11400	77	15400	214	42800
<b>25/8/2014</b>	76	15200	52	10400	69	13800	197	39400
<b>26/8/2014</b>	61	12200	62	12400	42	8400	165	33000
<b>27/8/2014</b>	32	6400	70	14000	66	13200	168	33600
<b>28/8/2014</b>	65	13000	34	6800	59	11800	158	31600
<b>29/8/2014</b>	80	16000	0	0	83	16600	163	32600
<b>30/8/2014</b>	90	18000	0	0	90	18000	180	36000
<b>31/8/2014</b>	81	16200	0	0	81	16200	162	32400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2145</b>	<b>420400</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>76400</b>	<b>2152</b>	<b>430400</b>	<b>4636</b>	<b>927200</b>